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Timely Tidbits ...

Merriman Hosts Black History Book Fair

The Multi-cultural Committee at Merriman Elementary School is inviting the public to attend "Brown Sugar and Spice" – a Black History book fair – on Wednesday, January 20, from 2 to 6 p.m. Both hard- and soft-cover books (prices starting at \$1) will be available for sale. Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the school library.

McEducators' Day Benefits High School

Administrators and staff members from Romulus High School will be at McDonald's (located on Wayne Road across from the school) from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, making use of all their fast-food skills – shaking the shakes, frying the fries, and doing a little cleanup, as well – for a good cause. Since a percentage of the money taken in during this four-hour period will be donated to the school's Student of the Month program, everyone is urged to show their support by purchasing refreshments.

Be sure to stop in. You deserve a break that day.

Library Hosts Series on Crime Prevention

Are you concerned about crime or vandalism in your neighborhood? Do you want to learn more about protecting yourself and your property? Would you like to set up a neighborhood watch?

These topics and more will be addressed at a series of meetings (to be held on the second Thursday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m.) that will be conducted by Romulus Police Officer Joe Richardson at the Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). Everyone is welcome to attend and bring their questions, concerns, and ideas regarding crime prevention and/or any other aspect of the City's law-enforcement services. □

Two New Police Officers Sworn In

Dan Czajkowski and Derran Shelby became the two newest members of the Romulus Police Department on Monday, December 21, 1998, when they were sworn in by Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate. Among those attending the ceremony were Mayor William M. Oakley and Police Chief Charles Kirby.

Officer Czajkowski is a former member of the Romulus Police Explorers, a program designed to teach various aspects of police work to youths who are interested in a career in law enforcement. Czajkowski's hiring marked the first time that a student from the program has advanced to become a certified police officer.

A resident of Romulus, Czajkowski graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College–Radcliff Center in November 1998.

Officer Shelby is a graduate of the Detroit Police Academy, and had been employed as an officer with the Detroit Police Department for more than five years.

Both officers have been assigned to the Romulus Police Department's Field Training and Evaluation Program



The Romulus Police Department's two newest members, Officer Derran Shelby (left) and Officer Dan Czajkowski, were sworn in December 21.

for orientation and training, and are currently working day-shift assignments with training officers.

Their entry onto the force brings the Department's manpower up to 70 sworn officers. □

Former Resident Publishes Civil War History

Joyce Miank Lierley, a former resident of Romulus, has just published *Affectionately Yours: Three English Immigrants, the American Civil War, and a Michigan Family Saga*.

This fascinating, multigenerational family saga interweaves a collection of original family correspondence, dating from 1851 to 1892, with the poignant, early-twentieth-century biography of Lierley's mother, Ruth Rutter Miank (1899–1978), and her parents, Bertha Parry Rutter (1874–1950) and Charles Rutter (1866–1922) – all of Romulus.

Ruth Rutter Miank was a graduate of Romulus High School. Her father owned a Ford dealership, was a member of the Romulus Nine baseball team, and was a friend of National Baseball Hall of Famer, Sam Thompson. He also enjoyed playing the violin. Miank's mother, Bertha, was a housewife who, by all accounts, was an excellent cook, seamstress, and needleworker.

Miank discovered her family's old letters when just a child. From them,

she learned the true story of three Rutter sons (one of whom was her grandfather) who emigrated from England to the United States in the 1850s. One son later served with Union forces during the American Civil War; another son captained ships on the Great Lakes; and the third – Miank's grandfather, Henry Rutter – homesteaded on a Wayne County, Michigan, farm with his wife Maria and their family.

The original letters published in *Affectionately Yours* were written between the immigrant brothers and their mother and sisters, who remained behind in England. They touch on a variety of subjects – from Civil War battles and camp sickness to the Great Chicago Fire; from clearing land on Henry's Michigan farm to the everyday life and difficulties faced by English and American women during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Lierley's 419-page book spans two continents and two centuries, and will be of great interest to Civil War-history,

Michigan-history, immigration-history, women's-history, and family-history buffs.

Affectionately Yours was edited by Carol Miles Petersen, Ph.D., a retired professor of English at University of Nebraska at Omaha, and published by Making History. Copies may be ordered through your favorite bookstore by writing Making History (2415 N. 56th St., Omaha, NE 68104) or calling 402-551-0747. The cost is \$22.50 per copy, plus shipping/handling and sales tax.

Born in Ypsilanti, Lierley grew up in Romulus, then attended the University of Michigan and Michigan State Normal College. After receiving a nursing degree from Henry Ford School of Nursing in Detroit, she moved to Nebraska and, in 1948, married Archie Lierley, who owned and operated Lierley Farms near Paxton, Nebraska. Currently, the couple and their two sons continue to operate the family farm, where they grow irrigated corn and wheat. □

Alumni Association Seeks Nominations for Hall of Fame

The Romulus High School Alumni Association is soliciting nominations for its annual Hall of Fame Induction, which will be held at the High School on Saturday, March 20, 1999.

In order to be eligible for induction, a person must:

- have graduated from Romulus High School prior to September 1989,
- have achieved a measure of success in a particular endeavor or field of work,
- have contributed to his/her chosen profession or life-style through outstanding individual performance or leadership,

- have contributed leadership, time, and/or resources to benefit the City of Romulus or the area in which he/she currently lives, and
- be a potential role model for Romulus students.

Previous inductees include Terry Mills, John Long, Grant Long, Lloyd Ward, Debi Davis, Bernice Stopera Lindke, and Dean Burcroff.

Nominations may be presented by anyone, and nominees do not have to belong to the Alumni Association. All nominations are due by February 12, and may be sent via FAX (734-941-2388) or U.S. Mail to the Alumni Office (Romulus Alumni Association, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan 48174).

If you have questions about how to prepare a nomination, call Marge Bergman at 734-941-0272 (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays) or 734-326-0889 (week-day evenings and weekends). □

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News from the Historical Society

By Pearl Varner, President, Romulus Historical Society

The Romulus Historical Society was busy this past year with its many projects and events.

This was the first year that the Society had a booth downtown during the Pumpkin Festival in September. This helped greatly to increase our membership and let the community know our purpose.

During the annual City of Romulus Christmas Tree Light in the historic park, the Society again opened the Museum to the public that evening. Those who attended enjoyed viewing the old-fashioned Christmas trees and displays that the members had prepared. Coffee, punch, and cookies were served by Society members. A good time was had by all.

Early in 1998, charter members

Frederick W. and Helen Hay were designated as owners of a centennial farm by the Michigan Historical Commission/Secretary of State Candice S. Miller. The farm, located at 14170 Huron River Drive in Romulus, has been in the Hay-Morris family since 1891. The Hays received an outdoor metal display marker.

The Society would like to thank Kathy Billings, partner in the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne, for her expertise and help in the filing of the Society's annual reports to the state and federal government. Her generosity is greatly appreciated.

The annual business meeting of the Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 1999, at the Romulus Public Library, which is located at 11121 South Wayne Road, Romulus. The public is welcome to attend. □



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VISION USA—a public-service program that provides free eye examinations for low-income working Americans and their families who are without health insurance—is now entering its ninth year. Nationally, the volunteer effort has helped more than 245,000 children and adults since it began in 1991.

VISION USA matches adults and children from low-income families with local optometrists who provide the free, comprehensive eye exams in their offices. These exams are performed primarily during "Save Your Vision Week," which is scheduled for March 7–13, 1999.

Although the free eye exams are performed during the month of March, registration is conducted in January. It is important for people to realize that they must establish their eligibility in January to qualify for the free exams in March.

Citizens interested in participating in VISION USA may register in one of three ways.

- Request an application form by writing to VISION USA, 243 North Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63141. The completed forms must be postmarked by January 22, 1999.

- Call toll-free (1-800-766-4466). Phone lines will be open Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Phone registration will continue through January 29, 1999.
- Visit the American Optometric Association (AOA) website, which can be found at: www.aoanet.org. VISION USA information is in the "Meet the AOA" section.

While VISION USA is limited to free eye exams, donations of products, frames, lenses, and the use of optical labs allows many of the volunteer optometrists to supply eyewear free of charge or at reduced fees.

Each year, the VISION USA program provides a startling confirmation of the need for regular care. More than 25,000 people received free eye exams last March. Nearly nine out of 10 of these patients suffered from eye disease or vision problems. Sight-threatening conditions were diagnosed in more than seven percent of the exams.

The eye examinations are performed by optometrists who are members of the Michigan Optometric Association. To qualify, applicants must meet the following eligibility conditions.

- They must have a job or live in a household where at least one person is working full- or part-time.
- They must have no insurance covering eye examinations.
- They must have income falling below an established level based on household size.
- They must not have had an eye exam during the past two years. □

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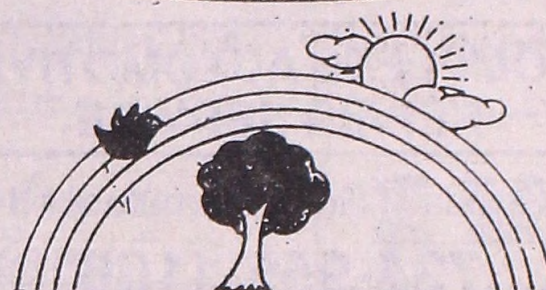
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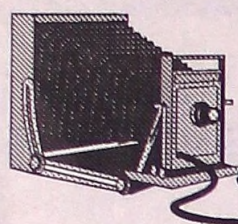
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Here's a look at each region in the Lower Peninsula, courtesy of AAAMichigan.

Northern Lower Michigan

Several resorts report major slope additions.

At Boyne Mountain, near Boyne Falls, nine new intermediate runs are served by a new three-place chair lift. Both Boyne Mountain and sister resort Boyne Highlands, near Harbor Springs, are sporting new or improved snowboard parks up to 2,000 feet long, as well as family tubing parks. Boyne Highlands also added a "couloir" - a steep, narrow run similar to those high in the mountains of western ski areas (it's only 20 feet wide). Boyne also purchased a "Pipe Dragon" half-pipe groomer.

Crystal Mountain, near Thompsonville, boasts eight new intermediate slopes and a high-speed, four-place chair lift. The runs increase ski terrain by 25%. The "quad" lift replaces a three-place model that was moved to service the new runs. Beginner skiers can learn in a new teaching area away from the crowds. The resort also purchased a half-pipe groomer. Near Cadillac, Caberfae widened its tallest North Peak by 45 feet and raised it by 60 feet. It also increased snow-making capacity 15%, purchased a new slope groomer, refurbished lodge rooms, and added an outdoor pool and hot tub for guests.

Nub's Nob, near Harbor Springs, added one intermediate and one beginner trail and widened two others. It also increased snow-making nearly 10% and night skiing by 40%. The resort, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary, also

purchased a Pipe Dragon snowboard park groomer.

The Homestead, near Glen Arbor, says new fine-spray snow guns double its capacity and allow snow-making at higher temperatures. Skiers also can stay at 23 new condo-style rooms or upgraded hotel rooms.

Shanty Creek near Bellaire continued its expansion at Schuss Village, including a fifth four-place chair lift and short advanced run. It is upgrading its snowboard program and continues constructing an 84-suite slopeside hotel for next season that will include a tunnel to the lifts.

Hanson Hills, near Grayling, has a new \$92 family learn-to-ski package with lift tickets, lessons, and rental equipment for up to six.

Treetops, near Gaylord, moved its cross-country trails to a more pristine setting and is building new condos and townhouses for next season. Mt. McSaubia, near Charlevoix, added a new ski rental area and lounge with a deck. Sugar Loaf, near Cedar, began a multi-million-dollar renovation by updating the cafeteria and all main-lodge public areas.

Mt. Holiday, near Traverse City, expanded its tubing area and snowboard park, and upgraded slope grooming and snow-making.

Central Lower Michigan

Apple Mountain, near Freeland, between Saginaw and Midland, added a restaurant and lounge overlooking the slopes. It also added shaped rental skis, which have wider tips for easier turning and learning. Snowsnake, near Harrison, is redoing a snowboard park. Cannonsburg, near Grand Rapids, has 1,000 sets of new rental skis and increased snow-making. Pando, near Rockford, bought a new slope groomer. Bittersweet, at Otsego, increased rental skis - including shaped skis - and snowboards by 20%, and snow-making 15%. Mulligan's Hollow, near Grand Haven, and Silver Ridge, near Farwell, upped snow-making 50% and 30%, respectively.

Timber Ridge, near Gobles, expanded its terrain park 50%, added a new snowboard rental area, and is upping snow-making 40% and adding family learn-to-ski programs.

Southern Lower Michigan

Alpine Valley, near Milford, increased rental snowboards, rebuilt its half-pipe, purchased a half-pipe groomer and new slope groomers, and is adding a tubing park with rope tows and snow-making that increases output at higher temperatures.

Mount Brighton added snow-making and rental snowboards.

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DEFINITIONS

- Stiffened with stays, as a piece of clothing
- He's 007
- Ameche, Johnson, or Knotts, for example
- Fritter away, as one's savings
- In separate pieces; apart
- Ice-cream treat
- It's also known as a catamount or puma
- Freight
- Mass of rock which projects from a headland, cliff, or mountain
- Tool for fortunetellers
- It's between a walk and a canter
- Balderdash; twaddle; piffle
- The two equal parts of a whole
- Cut into very thin slices
- Posy pot
- Duck feathers
- Felt curiosity
- Thoroughly drenched
- Extremely small amounts, as impurities in a test sample
- Alarm; frighten
- Occurrence that requires investigation, as by a doctor or police officer
- Infuse with moisture or fluid
- Shortage; lack
- Walk on; trample
- Pleasant odor or scent
- It's Spanish for love
- Disfigure
- In Roman Catholicism, a series of prayers and devotions performed over a nine-day period
- Star which suddenly becomes brighter
- It extends from the narthex to the chancel
- Began to appear or emerge
- Gradually decreased in size, as the moon
- Once more; afresh

For solution, see elsewhere on this page

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "HARMONY"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in HARMONY? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Plurals, proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, poetic words, slang, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

Our list of 21 words can be found elsewhere on this page

Weight Watchers Recipes Warm the Heart, Soul, and Tummy

Weight Watchers has some delicious ideas about ways to warm up January's snow and frigid temperatures.

"Our appetites seem to change right along with the seasons," said Florine Mark, president and CEO of The Weight Watchers Group, Inc. "The deli meats and cold salads that we craved in the summer months no longer seem as satisfying as a rib-sticking soup or a hearty casserole. Thankfully, foods such as soups, casseroles, and stews, can all be prepared with good-nutrition sense in mind. Two important rules of thumb: eat a variety of foods from all the food groups, and enjoy in moderation.

"One of my favorite food staples that I use in many of my recipes at this time of year is barley," Mark continued. "Barley is versatile, filling, tastes great, and is nutritious. For health-conscious people, it's interesting to note that studies show that this fiber-rich grain is equally as effective as oats in lowering blood cholesterol, plus it's higher in protein than many other grains. If it's something you normally pass by when shopping, I encourage you to give it a try. You won't be disappointed."

For ideas on how to use this great grain to make delicious dishes, see the Weight Watchers recipes below.

Barley-and-Mushroom Casserole (makes 6 servings)

1 tablespoon stick margarine
1 (8-ounce) package presliced mushrooms
1 (3½-ounce) package shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and caps sliced
1 cup uncooked pearl barley
1 (1-ounce) envelope onion soup mix (such as Lipton Recipe Secrets)
4 cups water
Preheat oven to 350°F.

Melt margarine in a medium non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms; sauté 5 minutes or until tender.

Combine barley, soup mix, and water in a 3-quart casserole; stir in mushroom mixture. Cover and bake at 350°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until liquid is almost absorbed.
2 POINTS.

Bean and Barley Soup (makes 6 servings)

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped carrot
½ cup chopped celery
2 garlic cloves, minced
½ cup uncooked pearl barley
¼ pound smoked turkey sausage, cut into ½-inch cubes
2 cups frozen baby lima beans
¾ cups water
½ teaspoon pepper
2 (14¼-ounce) cans fat-free chicken broth
1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
½ teaspoon hot sauce

Heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat until hot. Add the chopped onion, carrot, celery, and garlic; sauté 5 minutes.

Add barley and sausage; sauté 4 minutes. Add beans, water, pepper, broth, and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 45 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in hot sauce.

4 POINTS.

Barley Risotto with Jullienne Chicken and Parmesan

(makes 9 servings)
1 tablespoon olive oil
¾ cup diced carrot
1 thyme sprig
¾ cup diced celery
¾ cup thinly sliced leeks
½ cup finely chopped onion
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
6 (4-ounce) skinned, boned chicken breast halves, cut into ¼-inch strips
1¾ cups uncooked pearl barley
6 cups fat-free chicken broth
1 cup water
⅓ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
¼ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat until hot. Add the carrot and thyme; sauté 1 minute. Add celery, leek, and onion; sauté 1 minute. Add salt, pepper, and chicken; sauté 5 minutes. Add barley; sauté 1 minute. Add broth and water; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 40 minutes. Remove from heat; discard thyme. Stir in parsley and cheese.
5 POINTS. □

Answers

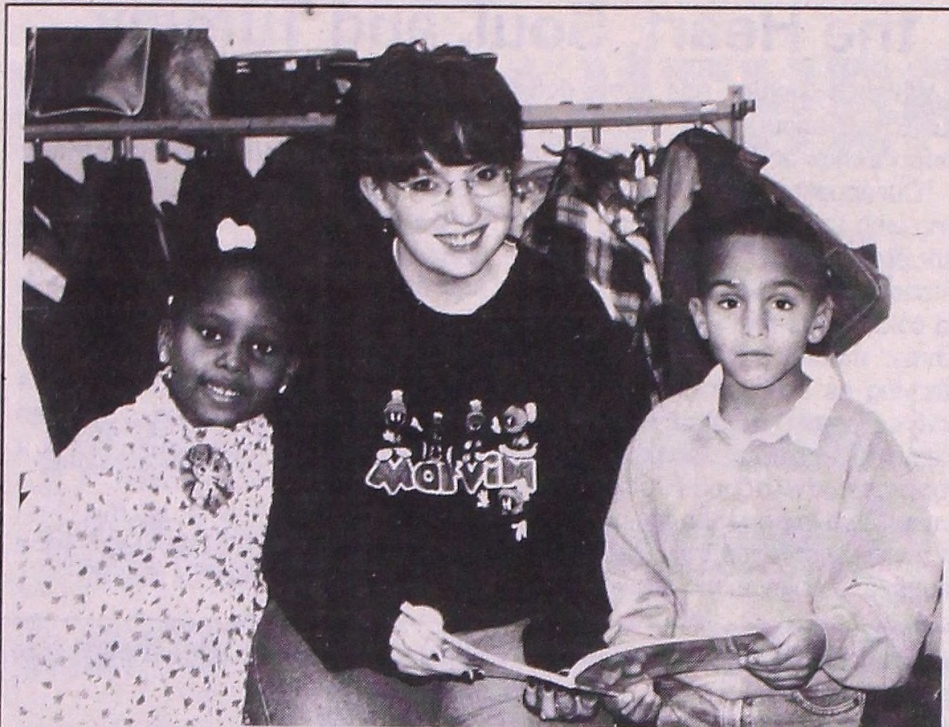
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Pizza Hut Encourages Reading



First-grade teacher Becky Reames helps student Corey Berge (right) while student Semaja Ford looks on.

A five-month reading incentive program, sponsored by Pizza Hut restaurants, is currently underway at Merriman Elementary School. The in-home program calls for each participating student to read to a family member, who charts the child's progress. When four books have been read, the student receives a certificate of accomplishment, which can be taken to Pizza Hut for a free personal pizza.

"We thought the pizza part would be of interest to the students," said Becky Reames, one of three first-grade teachers whose students are involved in the program. "As the students are inspired to do a little extra reading, they'll gain valuable practice in this essential skill and get to spend quality time with a parent, too."

Another way in which teachers are encouraging students to read is by set-

ting reading goals. Each child who reaches the monthly reading goal set by his or her teacher receives a prize. Teacher Ginny Smith likes the program's "double rewards" approach.

"One way or the other, we have something to offer each child," said Smith. "Children like to have a 'road map' to success. This program points the way, and the children just love it."

A final incentive inspires students to encourage other children to read. Each class receives a pizza party when all its students meet their reading goals in four out of the five months.

"Children can provide great incentives for others to read," said teacher Barbara Jaszcz. "It's not just the promise of a pizza party that spurs their efforts, but rather the idea that reading is fun and important. Children like to encourage classmates to do well." □



Zach Toillolo and his parent-volunteer mother, Sandy, take a break during free reading time at Merriman School.

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REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 14, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, December 14, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

12/98/1 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlenn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

12/98/2 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert to approve the Minutes of November 23, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

12/98/3 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to employ Kendra Akers, Resource Teacher, Effective December 14, 1998, as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

12/98/4 Moved by Berlenn supported by Lambert to accept the retirement of Jean Tyree, Head Custodian, Effective January 1, 1999, and Mary Terrell, Custodian, Effective January 1, 1999. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

12/98/5 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Report – Vocational Ed., Melvin Kimbrough, et. al.

Messrs. Kimbrough and Musham and Mesdames Satterlee and Wilkerson were present to update the Board on goals and activities of the Industrial and Business Technology Departments for the 1998–99 school year. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

Severance/Retirement Resolutions

12/98/6 Moved by Berlenn supported by Lenossi to adopt Resolution #1, "Employee Severance Plan," as recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

12/98/7 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlenn that the Board adopt Resolution #2, "Unionized Personnel and Executive Secretaries," as recommended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Budget – School Service and Debt

12/98/8 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlenn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt the 1998–99 School Service Funds Budget. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

12/98/9 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and adopt the 1998–99 Debt Fund Budget. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bus Purchase

12/98/10 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to purchase nine (9) buses (chassis – International; body – Blue Bird) for a price not to exceed \$485,351. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Appointment of Architect

12/98/11 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and employ Kingscott, Inc., for architectural services as per the attached contract. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience expressed their opinions and/or concerns with the Board of Education relative to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Minutes; 2) RESA Congrats to Virginia Smith; and 3) High School MEAP Test Information.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick inquired as to the AP English and Calculus results. She also complimented the Wick Talent Show.

Mr. Michael Woods complimented the Booster Club and also requested that our school psychologists make a presentation to the Board of Education.

12/98/12 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:14 P.M.

Review of Maps

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, distributed maps that the District had prepared to show possible configurations for its joint effort with the City of Romulus.

ADJOURNMENT:

12/98/13 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Community Calendar

- **Looking for Classmates of RHS' Class of '79** – Romulus High School's Class of 1979 is aggressively searching for classmates. Call Duane Moffat (734-761-2753) for information concerning a 20-year reunion planned for August 21, 1999.
- **Youtheatre Offers *Curious George*** – Youtheatre's "Wiggle Club" (for children ages three to six) presentation of *Curious George* has been set for Saturday, March 27 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, March 28 (2 p.m.) at the Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$7 when purchased in advance; \$8 at the door. For more information, call 313-963-2366.
- **Romulus Adolescent Health Center Advisory Board Meets** – The Romulus Adolescent Health Center Advisory Board will meet in the Media Center at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) on Tuesday, January 19, at 2:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.
- **Heart Health Screening** – Oakwood Healthcare System will host a Heart Health Screening from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, January 21, at Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn (upper level, near Saks). Free blood-pressure check; \$8 cholesterol check (\$4 – OHA; free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members). No preregistration required. For information, call 800-543-WELL.
- **Little League Registration** – Romulus Little League Baseball will accept registrations for its 1999 season at the Romulus Recreation Department office (located at 36515 Bibbins) on the following dates: Friday, January 29, from 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday, February 5, from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, February 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Saturday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$35 per individual or \$50 per family. (Note: All players must sell two cases of candy or pay \$40 extra.) To register youths ages five to 18 (player's age as of July 31, 1999), a parent or guardian must bring an original birth certificate and proof of residence, along with the entire registration fee. No Little League property will be issued without full payment. Early registration is encouraged, since fund-raising money turned in by March 27 earns a bonus! For more information, call the Little League office (734-955-6204).
- **Belleville Business & Professional Women's Club Meets** – The Belleville Business & Professional Women's Club (BPW) is looking for "working women" in all areas of employment, both full- and part-time, who are interested in improving themselves and their community. If this description fits you, the BPW invites you to attend its monthly meeting on Monday, February 2. The meetings are held in the teachers lounge of the Belleville High School cafeteria. Dinner is served promptly at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.50. Reservations are required. For more information, and/or to make a reservation, please contact Jane Vesche, Membership Chair, at 734-697-6677 or 697-7400.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan Host Weekly Events** – The Kentuckians of Michigan host the following events each week at Liberty Park (located on Bredow Road in Romulus): **Live Bluegrass Music/Buffer** (Fridays, 7:30 to 11 p.m.; \$5 admission/additional \$5 for food) and **Bluegrass/Country Jam Session** (Sundays, 3 to 7 p.m.; \$3 admission/additional \$5 for food). Children welcome! For more information, contact Mary Jo Smiley, Program Director, at 313-381-3382.
- **TOPS Meetings** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #M11690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to attend its weekly meetings, which are held at 7:05 p.m. each Thursday at Taylor Church of Nazarene, Eureka Road just west of Telegraph. Dues are \$20/year + \$1/week (first visit free).
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.
- **Head Start Seeks Applicants** – Romulus Head Start is recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program, which is held at Beverly School. Head Start serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, call 734-334-1812.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Cory Students Honored

Congratulations to the following children who have been recognized as "Students of the Month" at Cory Elementary so far this school year.

Students of the Month – September

Maurice Anderson (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), Cody Barnes (Ms. Radovic, second grade), Felicia Brown (Ms. Giles, second grade), Teela Carroll (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), Rodney Cofield (Ms. Baluk, second grade), Lauren Crozier (Ms. Cristini, first grade), Carl Gillespie (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Damien Harris (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Dominique Holmes (Ms. Barrs, first grade), Kyle Horr (Ms. Watson, first grade), Michael Householder (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "A"), Chelsey Jackson (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "B"), Christopher McGovern (Ms. Price, third grade), Renea Sperry (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Leroy Talley (Ms. Walker, third grade), and Brandon Zahornacky (Mr. Kessler, sixth grade).

Students of the Month – October

Meriah Chapman (Ms. Baluk, second grade), Camille Crawford (Ms. Price, third grade), Kyra Crawford (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "A"), Megan Crozier (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Derek Forbes (Ms. Cristini, first grade), Benjamin Hojnowski (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "B"), Rachel Lattimore (Ms. Giles, second grade),

Aurielle McCauley (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Marjorie Miskey (Ms. Walker, third grade), Jessica Moore (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Dijon Piggee (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), Ashley Robertson (Ms. Radovic, second grade), Emmanuel Sanders (Ms. Barrs, first grade), Jodi Schultz (Mr. Kessler, sixth grade), Jessica Sears (Mr. Blackburn, fifth grade), Mariay Watt (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), and Krystal Wegrzyn (Ms. Watson, first grade).

Students of the Month – November

Monika Burgess (Mr. Kessler, sixth grade), Ayibitari Burutolu (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Jodie Clark (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "A"), Melissa DuFore (Ms. Radovic, second grade), Chelsea Earby (Ms. Price, third grade), Brittany Forbes (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "B"), Doloris Garry (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Rashaunda Graham (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), Scott Labo (Ms. Cristini, first grade), Kandice Penn (Ms. Walker, third grade), Richard Reaume (Mr. Blackburn, fifth grade), Amber Sears (Ms. Watson, first grade), Monique Solomon (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), Kaela Torres (Ms. Baluk, first grade), Vanessa Villarreal (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Joseph Willis (Ms. Barrs, first grade), and Ashley Wilson (Ms. Giles, second grade).

Students of the Month – December

Christine Amis (Ms. Giles, second grade), DeJanay Booth (Ms. Cristini, first grade), Mallory Burnette (Ms. Radovic, second grade), Amber Cruce (Ms. Walters, fourth grade), Derrick Dugan (Mr. Kessler, sixth grade), Christopher Fitzner (Ms. Pluff, fourth grade), Era Mae Gibson (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "A"), Jasmine Harris (Ms. Watson, first grade), Ashley Johnson (Mr. Blackburn, fifth grade), Patricia Reyna (Ms. Walker, third grade), Khyla Ross (Ms. Sims, fifth grade), Eric Savitskie (Ms. Baluk, second grade), Thomas Slatinsky (Ms. Price, third grade), Jonathan Stone (Ms. McCabe, kindergarten "B"), LeRodd Williams (Ms. Miller, fifth grade), Kim Wilson (Mr. Smith, sixth grade), and Amber Wood (Ms. Barrs, first grade).

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.) **Happy Birthday!**

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of January: Esther Carter, Joyce Hook, Stella Lewis, Fern Mostoller, Mildred Qualls, Danny Rushlow (staff), and Evelyn Sales.

Chore Services Available for Lower-Income Residents of All Ages

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency offers a low-cost chore service for lower-income residents of all ages. Chores should be noncontinuous maintenance tasks such as snow removal, wall washing, basement cleaning, minor home repair, etc.

Eligibility for the service is based on income vs. family size. For instance, a single person with an annual income of \$31,700 or below qualifies, as does a household of two with an income of \$36,250 or less, or a family of three with an income of \$40,750 or less. A representative of the Chore Service program is available at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon to determine eligibility and arrange for service.

No appointment is necessary; proof of income is required.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852.

"Ask the Attorney" Will Resume

34th District Court Judge-elect and former "Ask the Attorney" volunteer Brian A. Oakley has arranged to have his associate, Steve Robinson, take over the "free legal advice" service which he began at the Center a few years ago. The next program is set for Wednesday, January 20, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Welcome, Steve!

Crime Watch

Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. This month's topic: Stop, Thief!

As always, safety tips and other crucial information will be discussed.

Program Celebrates Achievements of African Americans

Several local VIPs will be on hand to give their perspectives on African-Americans' proud history of achievement on Tuesday, January 26, when the Romulus Senior Center and Club #1 join together to host a special program in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month. The speakers' presentations will begin at 10:30 a.m.; a light lunch will follow at noon. The program is free, but advance registration is required.

Computer Classes

The Romulus Senior Center has applied for grant money to fund some computer classes for next year, so Program Coordinator Linda Norman is in the process of taking a poll to determine how many people would consider taking this type of class, and what subjects would be of the most interest. Stop by or give her a call to let her know what you think.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.

- **Casino Niagara**
(March 1-2; \$89)
- **Kewadin Casino**
(March 15-16; \$101, with \$40 cash back)
- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(March 24; \$21)

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. (Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454.) □

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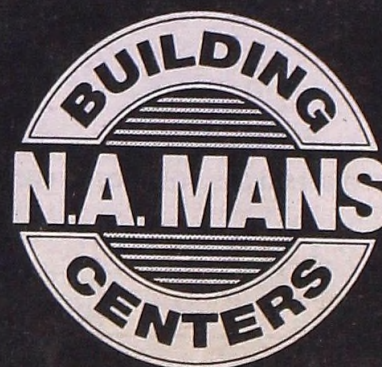
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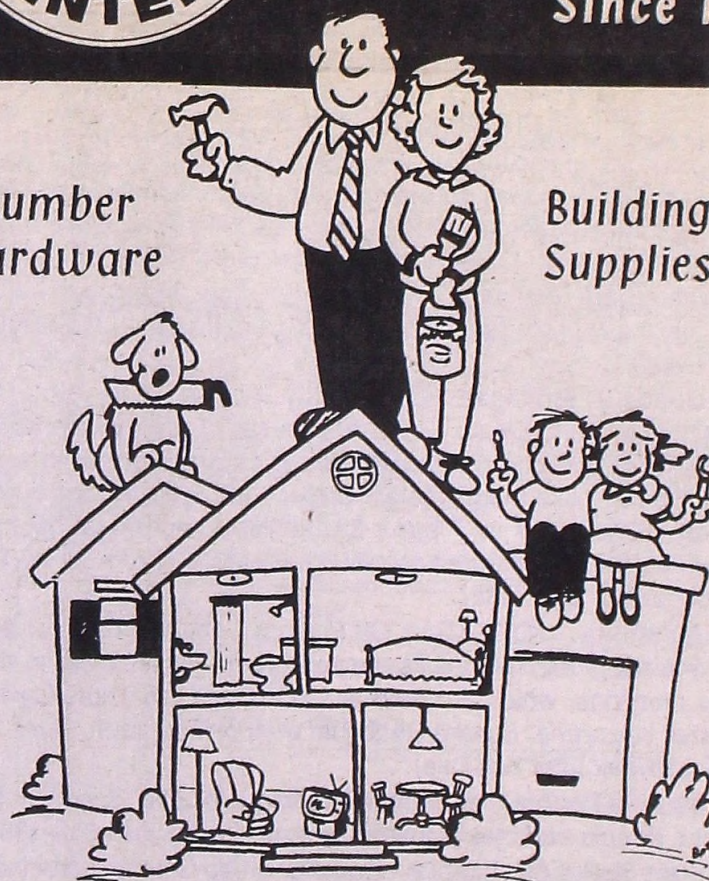
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Obituaries

James Carnes, Jr.

James Carnes, Jr. of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, December 31, 1998. He was 67 years old.

Carnes – a native of Bimble, Kentucky – was born on March 3, 1931.

He is survived by his wife, Natalie J. (Clark) Carnes; three daughters, Ms. Dixie Lee Carnes, Ms. Cindy Lou Diaz, and Ms. Rebecca Ann Carnes; one brother, Richard Carnes; two grandchil-

dren; and one great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Harry and Nicholas A. Carnes, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held on Monday, January 4, 1999, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Steven Adams (Romulus Wesleyan Church, Romulus, MI) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Margaret (Miskin) Genaw

Margaret (Miskin) Genaw of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, December 28, 1998, at the age of 84.

Genaw – a native of Detroit, Michigan – was born on August 9, 1914.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin G. Genaw; one daughter, Ms. Mary J. Killian; four sons, Robert J., Edward G., John F., and Joseph B. Genaw; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis McMur-

ran; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Two sons, James and Russell Genaw, predeceased her.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 2, 1999, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Rick Thomson officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West (Westland, MI).

Marissa R. Green

Marissa R. Green of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, December 25, 1998. She was 16 weeks old.

The infant was born September 2, 1998, in Wayne, Michigan.

She is survived by her parents, Paul and Sandra Green; one brother, Paul Green, Jr. (Romulus, MI); one sister, Shelby L. Green (Romulus, MI); her grandparents, Lloyd and Mary Nault (Westland, MI) and Gail and Holly Ruthertford (Inkster, MI); her great-grandparents, Neil and Bonnie Ruthertford (Pentington Gap, VA) and James and Rose

Strong (Westland, MI); and three special aunts, Ronda Peruski (Redford, MI), Vicki Sanderson (Taylor, MI), and Doreen Eaton (Westland, MI).

A funeral service was held on Monday, December 28, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church) officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to organizations concerned with the study of spinal muscular atrophy.

David Lee White

David Lee White of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, January 1, 1999. He was 26 years old.

White is survived by his parents, Lee and Martha White; one brother, Michael White; one son, Preston White;

and his fiancée, Christine Ann Booth.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 6, at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home (Taylor, MI).

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). □



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